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REPORTEDLY NOT TO BE PRESENTED AT HANNOVER;

VOGEL OPTIMISTIC ABOUT SPD FUTURE

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SUMMARY: INDICATIONS ARE MOUNTING THAT CHANCELLOR BRANDT WILL HAVE HIS WAY ON FOREIGN POLICY MATTERS AT THE SPD NATIONAL CONVENTION IN HANNOVER, APRIL 10-14. END SUMMARY.

1. SPD YOUTH DEPARTMENT CHIEF DR. UWE JANSSEN TOLD THE VISITING YOUTH STUDY TOUR ON MARCH 21 THAT THE JUNGSOZIALISTEN MOTION ON SOCIALIST PEACE AND SECURITY POLICY WOULD NOT BE PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE HANNOVER SPD CONVENTION. JANSSEN SAID THAT JUSO NATIONAL CHAIRMAN WOLFGANG ROTH RECENTLY MADE THIS DECISION PUBLIC. ROTH REPORTEDLY STATED THAT THIS MOTION, ADOPTED BY THE JUNGSOZIALISTEN AT THEIR RECENT CONGRESS IN BAD GODESBERG, WAS A STATEMENT OF LONG-TERM GOALS AND HAD NO PRESENT APPLICATION.

2. JANSSEN COMMENTED THAT THE SPD LEADERSHIP WOULD HAVE PREFERRED IT HAD ROTH SUBMITTED HIS MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION IN HANNOVER. THIS WOULD HAVE BROUGHT THE JUSO MOTION INTO DIRECT COMPETITION WITH THE MOTION ON FOREIGN POLICY SPONSORED BY THE SPD NATIONAL LEADERSHIP (SEE BONN 3340). JANSSEN SAID THAT IN ANY SPD CONVENTION, THE MAJORITIES VARY ACCORDING TO THE ISSUES. WHEREAS THE PARTY' S LEFT WING MIGHT HAVE AS MUCH AS 40 PERCENT OF THE DELEGATE STRENGTH AT HANNOVER, NO MORE THAN 25 PERCENT WOULD HAVE SUPPORTED ROTH' S MOTION AND PROBABLY LESS. JANSSEN AGAIN EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE SPD LEADERSHIP MOTION ON FOREIGN POLICY WOULD BE ADOPTED.

3. TOWN, AREA PLANNING AND HOUSING MINISTER VOGEL TALKED IN CANDID TERMS WITH AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND ON MARCH 22 ABOUT THE FUTURE PROSPECTS OF THE SPD. VOGEL SAID THE WHEN HE AHD COME TO BONN, HE HAD BEEN RATHER PESSIMISITIC BECAUSE OF EXPERIENCES TWO YEARS AGO IN MUNICH. NOW, HE IS SLIGHTLY MORE OPTIMISTIC.

4. VOGEL MENTIONED SEVERAL REASONS FOR HIS CHANGE OF ATTITUDE. THE IDENTIFIABLE GROWTH OF THE STAMOKAP FACTION INSIDE THE JUNGSOZIALISTEN CAME AS A DISTINCT SHOCK TO THE REST OF THE JUSO LEFT WING. IT HAS FORCED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THESE YOUNG SOCIALISTS TO THINK THROUGH THEIR POSITIONS

MORE CLEARLY AND THIS IS LEADING TO EVER INCREASING POLARIZATION WITHIN THE JUSOS. SECONDLY, A SIMILAR PROCESS HAS BEEN GOING ON WITHIN THE TRADE UNIONS WHERE THE SLIPPAGE TO THE LEFT IS BEING STOPPED AND WHERE THERE IS INCREASING REJECTION OF THE POSITIONS AND DOGMA OF THE RED CELLS. FINALLY, THE PRAGMATISTS WITHIN THE SPD ARE LEARNING HOW TO TALK IN IDEOLOGICAL TERMS AND THEY ARE ADDRESSING THEMSELVES TO THIS PROBLEM.

5. IN SPITE OF THE ABOVE, VOGEL INDICATED THAT THE FUTURE OF THE SPD OVER THE LONG RUN IS STILL UNCERTAIN. LOOKING AT THE SPD NATIONAL CONGRESS IN HANNOVER, HE BELIEVES THAT CHANCELLOR BRANDT WILL HAVE HIS WAY ON FOREIGN POLICY. VOGEL IS, HOWEVER, NOT SO SURE THAT ON DOMESTIC MATTERS, CHANCELLOR BRANDT WILL GET HIS WAY ON ALL POINTS. HOWEVER, THE CHANCELLOR IS NOT LIKELY TO PUT HIS PRESTIGE ON THE LINE, ALL ALONG THE LINE.
HILLENBRAND

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